

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 HONG K 07200 260750Z

11

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CU-04 PA-04 PRS-01 CIAE-00 INR-10

NSAE-00 RSC-01 DRC-01 /036 W
----- 031653

R 260631Z JUN 74

FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1239

INFO USLO PEKING

C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 7200

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT CH

SUBJ: "BLACKLISTED" JOURNALISTS CONTEMPLATE REACTION

REF: PEKING 0938

1. DON WEBSTER CBS AND ROBERT ELEGANT LOS ANGELES TIMES SEPARATELY CONTACTED CONGENOFF JUNE 25 TO DISCUSS PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN MA YU-CHEN'S CRITICISM OF HONG KONG U.S PRESS AND THEN PERSONALLY AS RELAEED BY RUSSELL SPUR, FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW (REFTEL). BOTH WEBSTER AND ELEGANT WERE THINKING ABOUT MAKING SOME RESPONSE. ELEGANT READ A DRAFT LETTER HE PROPOSEDS TO SEND TO MA PROTESTING THE CRITICISM AND ASKING FOR A VISA. WEBSTER TALKED ABOUT MAKING A NEWS STORY OUT OF FM CRITICISM OF CBS.

2. BOTH INDICATED THAT THEIR APPROACH WAS PERSONAL AND NOT DIRECTED AT SEEKING CONGEN ADVICE. BOTH SEEM UPSET AND CONCERNED NOT TO MAKE THEIR CHANCES FOR VISAS ANY WORSE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SEEMINGLY INCLUDED TO PUSH MATTERS WITH THE IDEA OF GETTING A STORY OUT OF IT. CONGENOFF DECLINED TO ADVISE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
CROSS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONAL OPINION, FILM, PRESS COMMENTS, JOURNALISTS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 JUN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: BoyleJA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974HONGK07200
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740168-0189
From: HONG KONG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740613/aaaaakoc.tel
Line Count: 50
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 1
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: PEKING 0938
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: BoyleJA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JUL 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 JUL 2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <25 MAR 2003 by BoyleJA>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: "BLACKLISTED" JOURNALISTS CONTEMPLATE REACTION
TAGS: PINT, CH, (SPURR, RUSSELL)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005